

Senate Bill 164

By: Senators Crane of the 28th, McKoon of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Loudermilk of the 14th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to define a certain  
3 term; to provide that no health insurance plan for employees of the state shall offer coverage  
4 for abortion services; to repeal conflicting laws, and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by revising subsection (a)  
9 of Code Section 45-18-2, relating to the board's authority to establish health insurance plan,  
10 rules and regulations, provisions of plan generally, and coverage for retiring or retired  
11 employees, as follows:

12 "(a)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'abortion' means the use or prescription of any  
13 instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance or device with the intent to terminate  
14 the pregnancy of a female known to be pregnant. The term 'abortion' shall not include  
15 the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance or  
16 device employed solely to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or  
17 health of the child after live birth, or to remove a dead unborn child who died as the result  
18 of a spontaneous abortion. The term 'abortion' also shall not include the prescription or  
19 use of contraceptives.

20 (2) The board is authorized to establish a health insurance plan for employees of the state  
21 and to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for its administration, subject to the  
22 limitations contained in this part. The health insurance plan may provide for group  
23 hospitalization and surgical and medical insurance against the financial costs of  
24 hospitalization, surgery, and medical treatment and care and may also include, among  
25 other things, prescribed drugs, medicines, prosthetic appliances, hospital inpatient and  
26 outpatient service benefits, dental benefits, vision care benefits, and medical expense

27 indemnity benefits, including major medical benefits. No health insurance plan shall  
28 offer coverage for abortion services."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.